

Final Space Shuttle launch scheduled for today tentative; thunderstorms may interfere



Close-up of what I wrote.

Aruban born electrical engineer Dr. Edward Cheung, a specialist in robotics, just celebrated 20 years with NASA, a large portion of it as Principal Engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Service Project. For some years, he has been sharing his experiences and eye-witness accounts of historic events with his fellow islanders, and again is giving THE MORNING NEWS his insider's point of view of the final manned space flight to the International Space Station, (ISS) with Space Shuttle Atlantis, scheduled for 11:20 AM today. On completion of

this mission STS-135, the last of the three active orbiters will be retired and take a place in the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida. Dr. Cheung arrived at Kennedy on July 5, after a brief visit two weeks ago to affirm that new equipment from his department was safely installed on the shuttle and all systems are a go. Since the final Hubble Mission in 2009, Ed and his team have redirected their skills towards a new project, and he now holds the title of Robotic Refueling Mission Electrical Lead, Jackson & Tull/NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. The team has devised robotics that will allow satellites to be refueled in space and also affect repairs, thus extending their life. "This is, in my opinion, most definitely the future of NASA, for now," he told THE MORNING NEWS.

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Financial Institutions sign historic protocol with Government



Late Tuesday afternoon Prime Minister Eman, Ministers de Meza and Winklaar-Hooyboer in name of the Government of Aruba, signed a historic protocol with the Financial Institutions of Aruba. Said financial institutions consisted of the Aruban banks, insurance companies and the Aruban Investment Bank. The signing of the protocol was the result of several intensive meetings held on two occasions between representatives of the government and the financial institutions.

The Prime Minister, who appeared extremely pleased, explained exactly what this important protocol entails. He remarked that it is now high time that small and medium size businesses have access to financing with greater ease. The protocol clearly details how this will be accomplished.

Eman is of the opinion that there should be a type of guarantee fund for small and medium size businesses. Such a fund would make funds available to investors via a financial guarantee. All the parties agreed to arrange for the creation of such a fund.

They will institute a so-called Stadsherstel NV with



the objective of obtaining, renewing the rent of monumental buildings and other buildings of historic value on Aruba. They will restore these buildings and so revitalize the city center. Stadsherstel NV is a private concern of stakeholders.

The Government and the Financial Institutions will establish a foundation Civic Responsibility of Aruban Youth with the objective of promoting civic responsibility and community involvement among Aruban youth. This foundation will promote values and norms and civic values in our community.

In a proactive manner our commercial banks will promote financial competitive-

ness among their existing clients and new clients so as to create new opportunities for new businesses and to ensure economic growth which will spark a positive economic perspective.

The government and the Financial Institutions will promote and actively participate in recruiting young people for work, the organization of job markets and other events. They will encourage young people who have completed their studies abroad to return to the island to work here on their own island.

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Dutch court gives Rwandan life for genocide-era crimes

THE HAGUE, (AFP) - A Dutch appeals court on Thursday sentenced a Rwandan citizen living in The Netherlands to life in prison for war crimes committed during the Rwandan genocide in 1994.

Joseph Mpambara, 43, was found guilty of having carried out an attack on a Protestant church where Tutsis had fled. The lower court, which sentenced him to 20 years in prison, had previously acquitted him on this charge.

Because he was now convicted of the attack, Mpambara's crimes have been qualified as war crimes, which was not upheld by a lower court.

Mpambara was also convicted by the appeals court of torture causing the deaths of two Tutsi mothers and their four children on April 13, 1994, upholding a previous lower court conviction.

Mpambara was also found guilty of detaining a German-Rwandan couple and their baby on April 27, 1994, for several hours. The court ordered Mpambara to pay the couple 1,360 euros in damages.

Added the judge: "You showed no compassion for the Tutsis" while testimony was being heard during the appeal.

Worse, the judge added, the Rwandan has "stuck to your opinion that the victims deserved their fate."

Both the prosecution, which asked for life in jail, and Mpambara, who pleaded not guilty, appealed the lower court's decision.

Mpambara was tried in The Netherlands as part of an agreement between several

European countries and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) under which they try genocide suspects in their national courts.

The country also has a law which allows it to try people for suspected war crimes if the person lived in The Netherlands.

The son of a wealthy family, Mpambara had been living in The Netherlands since 1998 although his request for asylum was refused. The Dutch authorities detained him in 2006.

He was the first Rwandan to be condemned in The Netherlands for crimes during the genocide in which 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus died, according to United Nations estimates.

Worker dies in Dutch soccer stadium collapse



ENSCHDEDE (AFP) - One construction worker has been killed and at least 13 others have been injured in a stadium collapse in the Netherlands. The FC Twente stadium in Enschede was undergoing renovation work. Police said the collapse was likely related to construction work that was under way at the stadium. Workers were the only people in the complex at the time of the accident. Seating at the stadium was being expanded to 30,000, a project which is scheduled to be completed by August 1 - in time for the start of the new season. At least two of the victims were suffering from serious injuries, said den Oudsten. Ten people were taken to a local hospital, while authorities continued their search for people still trapped under the rubble.

Tropical wave strengthens



The tropical wave that is causing showers across most of South Florida today has become slightly stronger and more organized this afternoon, according to the National Hurricane Center. Upper level winds, however, are likely to keep the system from growing organized enough to turn into a tropical depression as it moves west or northwestward across the Gulf of Mexico. Rain is expected to cover the entire Southwest Florida. Radar and satellite images show storms just about everywhere but here. There is plenty of cloud cover making the skies look dark and ominous. Ibiseye also shows the system, along with a broad satellite view of moisture coverage across the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico. Another tropical wave is southeast of the Windward Islands. Hurricane forecasters expect those thunderstorms to move west across South America without developing into any sort of organized system. The hurricane center put chances for development at 10 percent at 2 p.m. today.

News of the World: one scandal too far

LONDON, (AFP) - Media mogul Rupert Murdoch killed off the News of the World in a shock move Thursday as a spiralling scandal over phone hacking at the British tabloid threatened to infect the rest of his empire.

In a fittingly sensational finale, the 168-year-old paper will print its last edition on Sunday after claims that it hacked the phones of a murdered girl and the families of dead soldiers, and that it paid

police for stories.

The final edition would be free of advertising and proceeds would go "to causes and charities that wish to expose their good works to our millions of readers", he said in a statement.

One devastated staff member said the announcement went off like a "nuclear bomb" in the offices of Britain's second biggest selling newspaper, whose diet of kiss-and-tell stories sold 2.7 million copies a week.

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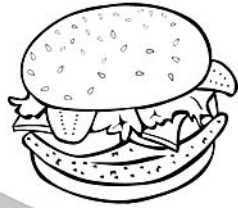
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Mr. Croes informed the press that they are currently

completing work on the HSPA+ which is an other way of modulating the signal and a more efficient manner of using the frequency. The world of wireless communication is in a major process of change from a system that was previously centered around voice to one that is more centralized on the application of data, according to Roland Croes. SETAR is also intent on marketing HSPA+ as 4G just like American countries.

Croes is of the opinion that data will dominate the major part of the total traffic in wireless telephone systems. With the birth of the internet more access has been created to data, albeit voice has continued to dominate.

3G began using the technology of Internet Protocol in the network and thus gave us more possibilities for data compared to what was available with 2G. 3G included UMTS and CDMA2000 which provided more support for the growing demand for data. Eventhough 3G provided lots of capacity and possibilities for data, it could not carry the growing demand for data.

Florence Nightingale Elderly Home to relocate

To a one of a kind in the Caribbean new facility in San Nicolaas

SAN NICOLAAS -- The San Nicolaas Elderly Home.... "Florence Nightingale" is now finally ready to move to its brand new facilities. The first stone for the construction of this new facility was laid by former Minister of Social Affairs, Marisol Lopez-Tromp. The new Mike Eman cabinet came along and completed the project so that today our elderly can be proud of a brand new beautiful complex.

During a recent ceremony at the premises of the new elderly home in San Nicolaas, Minister of Infrastructure Benny Sievinger presented the keys of the building to Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer in charge of social affairs. Winklaar-Hooyboer in turn gave the keys to the director of SABA who received them with a giant smile on his face. SABA is extatic with their new facilities which has become a reality after many years.

The Minister of Social Affairs in her speech said that our elderly now have reason to be joyful and festive. She also remarked that SABA personnel will receive their pension plan or the additional package, which she said is another milestone. Winklaar-Hooyboer also praised the employees for their dedication and kind care of our elderly at the home. Hence, she believes that they deserve this



improvement and recognition.

The director of SABA, Hans Rokebrand shared that the new complex is very spacious and beautiful and is the best in the Caribbean with none to equal it. The facilities are spacious and the clients will be very happy because they will finally have their own room. In the past they had to share rooms, but that is now a thing of the past. Every room is equipped with its own bath. The

complex included six small homes for those who want to live on their own.

The care staff received special training to be able to care for those who will be living on their own in the six separate small homes. The care of those persons will entail a different type of care system. The government will receive a token rent from the SABA Foundation of Afls.1 monthly for rent of the new facilities.

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Prior to launch, Ed and some of his crew have been situated in the press tent, demonstrating the purpose of their new equipment; he will do duty as a presenter in the "Tweet Tent" during STS-135. NASA has invited around 150 individuals from all walks of life to "tweet" breaking news to all their followers and friends during the Atlantis launch. Ed will be on hand to explain exactly what is happening to observers. Prior to going to press yesterday, he expressed some thoughts to the launch being postponed to either Saturday or Sunday, depending on when the decision is made. "We just got pretty inundated here with a major thunderstorm," he re-

ported. "In my opinion, a postponement of the launch is very much a possibility, as they are predicting more of this weather. I can't speak for certain at this point, as the decision is an hour to hour thing." He described the area around Kennedy Space Center prior to this final STS-135 mission as "chaotic. We are expecting a million people coming here to experience this last chance to see a rocket launch first hand. The Press Tent is just a beehive of activity; media, spectators, we have been very busy explaining and demonstrating our robotics." While securing their new equipment to the Atlantis, the crew had a bit of fun; Ed made his mark and that of Aruba in the form of graffiti on one of the interior hulls.

Those wishing a more detailed account of the new robotics and Dr. Cheung's part in the final missions will find a full account on his website: <http://www.edcheung.com>

by Rosalie Klein

Sana-Mente presented to the Morning News



On Wednesday, former The Morning News colleague and Director and Chief Editor of Sana-Mente, Mrs. Tamara Beaujon, presented to Morning News staff a copy of the first edition of her magazine. Sana-Mente is a monthly magazine and contains everything readers need to know about healthy living. The magazine offers valuable tips on how to prepare healthy food, healthy life style and interviews with doctors and persons dealing with or recovering of sickness. Delicious food recipes to stay in shape while eating good are also included. Every month another health topic will be published, so readers are sure to be well informed. Sana-Mente is available for FREE at all drugstores and supermarkets. Get yours now and live Sana-Mente

Special honoring for the Creters



Recently, Mr. Ernest Giel and Mr. Jonathan, in the name of the Aruba Tourism Authority, recently presented Mr. and Mrs. Creter and their daughters Emma and Lara with the Distinguished Guest and Goodwill Ambassador of Aruba certificates at the Tamarijn Beach Resort. The couple has been visiting Aruba for over 20 years while their daughters have been vacationing here for more than 10 years. The Creters are originally from Newburgh, New York

Dutch royals sit for seasonal photo session



-- As they do periodically, the Dutch Crown Prince and his family sat for a photo session with the press. The Crown Princely couple does this as part of an agreement with the press to be left alone during their personal time.

This session was held at Queen Beatrix's Italian estate in Tavernelle while the family is on vacation. Crown Prince Willem-Alexander and Crown Princess Maxima were of course there, and a couple of pictures show the couple holding hands and laughing at the hijinks of their three daughters. Princess Catharina-Amalia, the future Queen of the Netherlands, is certainly growing up quickly. The photographs show that she is very much the big sister to her two younger

siblings. Princess Alexia and Princess Ariane were also looking much more grown up, Princess Alexia in particular is looking more like her mother.

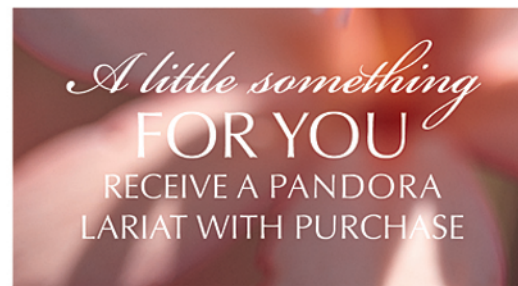
This year's session had each of the three girls in their own outfits, in previous years they were all dressed in the same clothing. HM Queen Beatrix was also present during the shoot and showed up in a few pictures, reports were that she also took a few pictures of her own.

Prince Willem-Alexander is now off to the ICO meetings in Durban, but will be back for family time after the meetings are over. The proud parents reported that all three girls did well on their report cards, including Ariane who completed her first year in school.

South Sudan to become new nation amid war worries



JUBA, Sudan -- A woman who returned to South Sudan after living in the north is seen walking away with her ration of food aid a camp in Juba yesterday, two days before South Sudan secedes from the north and becomes the world's newest nation. (AFP PHOTO)



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Salt and Pepper, the famous tapas bar and restaurant in the Arawak Gardens on the high rise strip, is in a soccer mood. Logical, as the fascinating games of the Copa America are keeping soccer fans ready for action morning, noon and night.

During the matches, held between national teams of all the countries in South America in Argentina, Salt and Pepper is serving Balashi Chill, a locally brewed favorite beer, of course. And the best thing about that is that you get two bottles of Chill for the price of one. And should you be more partial to the original Balashi, then you get a Balashi Chill tee-shirt with ordering six Balashi beers.

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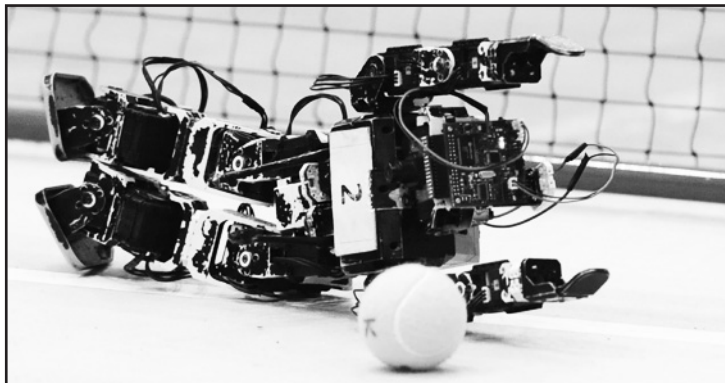


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TURKEY, Istanbul : A goalkeeper robot in action during a test before the RoboCup 2011 in Istanbul, today. RoboCup is the largest and most prestigious robotics event and a showcase for artificial intelligence and intelligent robotics research. **AFP PHOTO**

Natives decry first pipeline to Canada's Pacific coast

CANADA -- Aboriginals fearing a spill are threatening to try again to block Canada's first pipeline connecting the rich oil fields of Alberta to the Pacific Coast aiming to reach new markets in Asia.

Pipeline giant Enbridge has hinted in recent months it would soon receive a nod from the federal government to finally start construction of its Northern Gateway project, which has been postponed several times in the past decade due to financial setbacks and environmental concerns of regulators.

The project would see up to 525,000 barrels of crude oil from Alberta's oil sands

pipled 1,125 kilometers (700 miles) daily through the Rocky Mountains to an ocean terminal in Kitimat, British Columbia.

Coastal residents fear an eventual spill will devastate the pristine maritime environment of British Columbia's north coast, its temperate rain forests and abundance of marine life, and despite Enbridge's environmental safety assurances are vowing to fight it.

Canada has the third largest oil reserves in the world, much of it in the black, gooey sands of northern Alberta's Athabasca region.

SKorea's LG touts Optimus 3D smartphone for gaming



SEOUL, South Korea — LG Electronics is touting 3-D smartphones as an alternative to ded-

icated handheld game devices.

The company launched its LG Optimus 3-D phone yesterday in South Korea after beginning a global release last month covering more than 60 markets including Spain and Britain. No special glasses are required to view 3-D content on the phone.

Park Jong-seok, CEO of LG's mobile communications business, said that 3-D smartphones such as the Optimus can hold their own against dedicated handheld gaming platforms.

Internet security firm warn of computer infections

Hackers infected computers, derailed websites, and plundered networks in a memorably miserable quarter, according to a report released Wednesday by Internet security firm PandaLabs.

Hacking groups Lulz Security and Anonymous caused "widespread mayhem" during the three months ending June 30, and malicious software "spread substantially," according to the research unit of Spain-based Panda Security.

"This quarter has been one of the worst on record," PandaLabs said in a quarterly security report.

"The number of attacks suffered by businesses and large organizations has set alarm bells ringing as systems and companies that until now were considered 'hack-proof' have fallen victim to cyber-crime," the report continued.

Hacking victims have ranged from the International Monetary Fund and the US Defense Department to Sony, SEGA and Citigroup.

While computer networks were cracked for motivations apparently political, financial, or mischievous there was a significant spread of viruses to computers in homes around the world, according to PandaLabs.



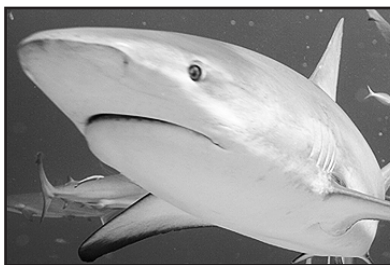
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Bahamas bans shark fishing



"They desperately need protection if we're not going to drive them to extinction," he told reporters in the capital Nassau, pointing to the "extremely important" role that sharks play in balancing the ecosystem.

The US-based Pew Environment group has campaigned around the world to encourage shark protection. Before The Bahamas, Honduras, Maldives and Palau have also declared sanctuaries for sharks.

Environmentalists say that around 73 million sharks are killed each year, generally by hacking off their fins, which can fetch lucrative prices as they are served in Chinese soups as a delicacy.

The Bahamas in 1993 banned long-line fishing, which has largely prevented shark fishing. But no specific law prohibited the commercial killing of sharks and environmentalists pressed for action after a seafood company last year said it would start catching the predator for export.

NASSAU- The Bahamas this week announced a ban on shark fishing, becoming the latest country to protect the ancient sea predator which is considered at risk due to demand for its fins in Chinese cuisine.

The Atlantic Ocean archipelago said it was banning the commercial fishing of sharks in its 243,000 square miles (630,000 square kilometers) of water, along with the sale, import or export of shark products.

"People say, 'Why are you supporting sharks? They just eat people and eat other fish.' But in fact there's a lot more to sharks than that," said Neil McKinney, president of the Bahamas National Trust, which manages the country's resources.

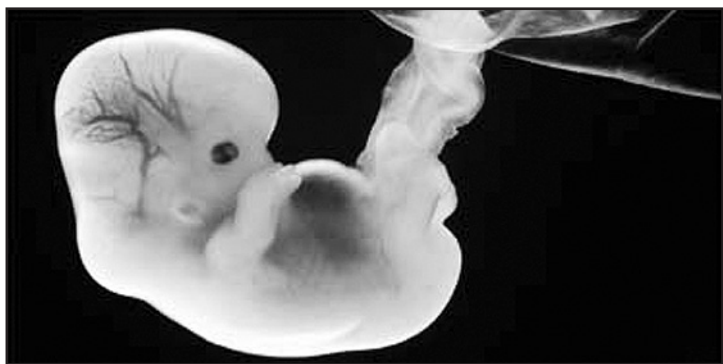


JAPAN, Tokyo : Charman of auto maker Mitsuoka Motor Susumi Mitsuoka (2nd L) and President of machinery and battery maker Yuasa M&B Kenji Matuda (L) introduce the prototype of new electric vehicle 'Like T3' developed jointly by the two companies during a press conference in Tokyo on July 7, 2011. The two Japanese firms will conduct field tests of the two-seater and three-wheel small truck, which has a top speed of 60km per hour. **(AFP PHOTO)**

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Health & Living

German parliament upholds genetic testing of embryos



German lawmakers upheld Thursday the right of would-be parents to genetically test embryos after in vitro fertilisation in certain cases in a move welcomed by doctors but criticised by church leaders.

The Bundestag lower house of parliament voted to allow so-called pre-implantation genetic diagnosis of embryos when one of the partners had a serious hereditary disease in the family.

Each case will also be subject to review by an ethics

commission and mandate counselling for the concerned couple before testing can be carried out.

Parliament took up the delicate issue after a federal court last year allowed testing by partners with a genetic predisposition to serious illnesses.

Such testing, which is expected to apply to a few hundred cases each year, had long been outlawed in Germany.

After a three-and-a-half-hour, at times emotional debate, 326 deputies cast their ballots in favour of allowing

genetic testing versus 260 who called for a strict ban. Eight abstained.

The head of the German Medical Association, Frank Ulrich Montgomery, stressed that such testing would in no way become routine in cases of in vitro fertilisation, or used for sex selection.

But the chairman of the Episcopal Conference, Roman Catholic Archbishop Robert Zollitsch, slammed the vote as "a violation of the principle of respecting human dignity" enshrined in Germany's Basic Law.

Deputy Wolfgang Zoeller of the conservative Christian Social Union, who voted against the law, said he feared it would set a standard that would lead to discrimination against disabled children.

"Parents should not have to apologise if they do not have a so-called perfect baby," he said.

Smoking bans on the rise but more needed: WHO



Anti-smoking measures have become so widespread that they now affect some 3.8 billion people -- just over half the world's population, the World Health Organization said Thursday.

But the WHO called for more action, warning that to-

bacco use could kill a billion people or more over the course of the 21st century "unless urgent action is taken."

The WHO Report on the Global Tobacco Epidemic was launched in Uruguay as the health body sought to highlight the country's legislation against smoking that now faces a lawsuit by tobacco giant Philip Morris.

"The tobacco epidemic continues to expand because of ongoing tobacco industry marketing, population growth in countries where tobacco use is increasing, and the extreme addictiveness of tobacco that makes it difficult for people to stop smoking once they start," said Ala Alwan, WHO assistant director-general for non-communicable diseases and mental health.

He noted that tobacco remains the biggest cause of pre-

ventable death worldwide, killing nearly six million people and costing hundreds of billions of dollars in economic damage each year.

Health warnings on cigarette packs protect more than a billion people in 19 countries, almost double the figures over the past two years, according to the report.

It said graphic ads were more effective than those only containing text, especially in countries with low literacy rates, and recommended that images be changed periodically to ensure they have an impact.

While 101 countries ban tobacco print, television or radio advertising, both direct or indirect, the WHO considers the number to still be insufficient, noting that 74 countries (38 percent) have no or minimal restrictions on advertising.

Beijing halts sales of tainted bottled water

Authorities in Beijing have halted the sale of 31 brands of bottled water after they failed safety tests, the government reported, in the latest such scare to hit China.

Random market inspections found bacteria colonies in the water, the Beijing Administration for Industry and Commerce said on its website, citing a joint study with the capital's product quality bureau.

Tests on one brand of bottled water -- Yiqun -- found that bacteria levels were 9,000 times above safety standards, while those in Tianxing Special Water were 560 times higher, a report in the state-run Beijing Times said.

The tests were carried out on large barrels of water and did not include the smaller bottles of water normally bought in supermarkets, the report said.

Drinking the tainted water could lead to bouts of diarrhoea, dizziness and vomiting,

it added.

Part of the problems stemmed from quality controls at factories, including the failure to clean and sterilise water pipes and replace and disinfect filters, the paper said.

China is regularly hit by food scares. In 2008, authorities found that milk tainted with melamine killed at least six babies and left more than 300,000 sick with kidney stones, in a scandal that caused huge outrage.

Tainted pork, toxic milk, dyed buns, melons laden with chemicals and others have also surfaced in recent months, highlighting a lack of oversight in China's huge food industry.

In May, China's top court ordered capital punishment for food safety crimes that result in fatalities, as the government metes out harsher penalties amid rising social discontent over tainted foodstuffs.

Health Tip:

Lather Kids With Sunscreen

-- Kids love to play outside during the hot summer months, so parents must not forget to protect them from sunburn.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these suggestions:

- Apply sunscreen all over the child's face and body, and remember to reapply every two hours, or after the child gets wet.
- Make sure sunscreen is at least SPF 15 and offers protection against both UVA and UVB rays. Apply it even on cloudy days.
- Dress your child in lightweight cotton clothing that covers the legs and arms, a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that offer UVA and UVB protection.
- Encourage your child to play and rest in the shade when the sun's rays are strongest -- between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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"I am always very busy, I have a family life... I want to wear the same outfit when I bring my children to school and then go to work with it and in the evening I want to be able to just change accessories," Schiffer said at the launch of the Claudia Schiffer clothing line in trendy Paris boutique Colette.

Publication of color copies of Love

Recently, the leaded glass piece titled "Love," by local artist Waldy Simson, was unveiled during a 20 year retrospective of the artist at the Cas di Cultura in Oranjestad.

"Love" was one of a number of leaded glass works, which is the artist's specialty, on display for which he states he received "quite some interest," prompting him to published color copies of piece, which are for sale.

The original work measures 156 x 104 cm, and Simson claims it is "the largest and perhaps most ambitious I may have produced up till now." Woven through the pieces is actual human hair; Simson's and from different women.

Simson's claims his focal point, when he was creating



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 14. Audrey Hepburn film
 16. Centipede's features
 17. Automobiles
 18. According to
 19. Opp. of WNW

20. The Beach

21. Run from
 22. Bowers
 24. Docking places
 25. Fisherman's need
 26. Family mem.
 27. Up, in baseball (2 wds.)
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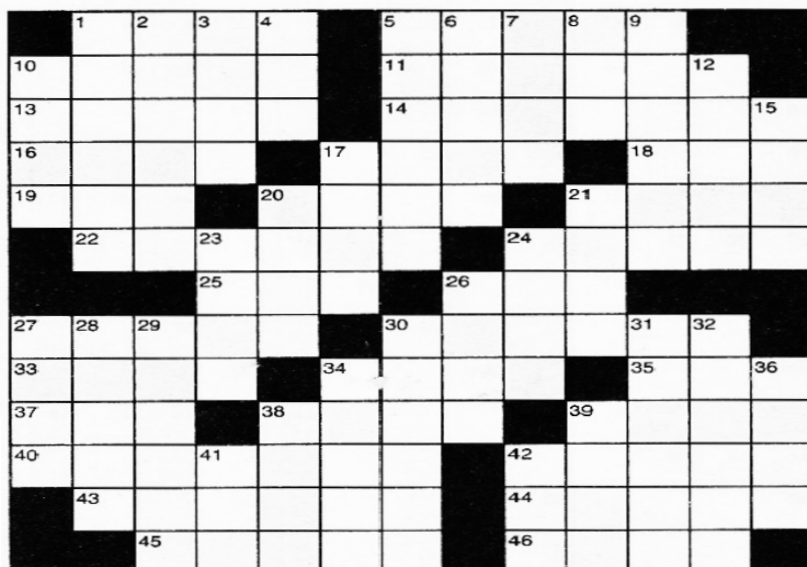
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 5. Analyzes minerals

6. Dueling

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 7. Male swans
 8. Possessive pronoun
 9. Three-base hit
 10. Small valley
 12. Scoff
 15. Greek god of war
 17. Telephone
 20. Cowboy's shoe
 21. Aquarium creature
 23. Thin nail
 24. One of Clooney's pals
 26. Little tantrum
 27. Radio letters
 28. Holy scroll
 29. Hard-___ eggs
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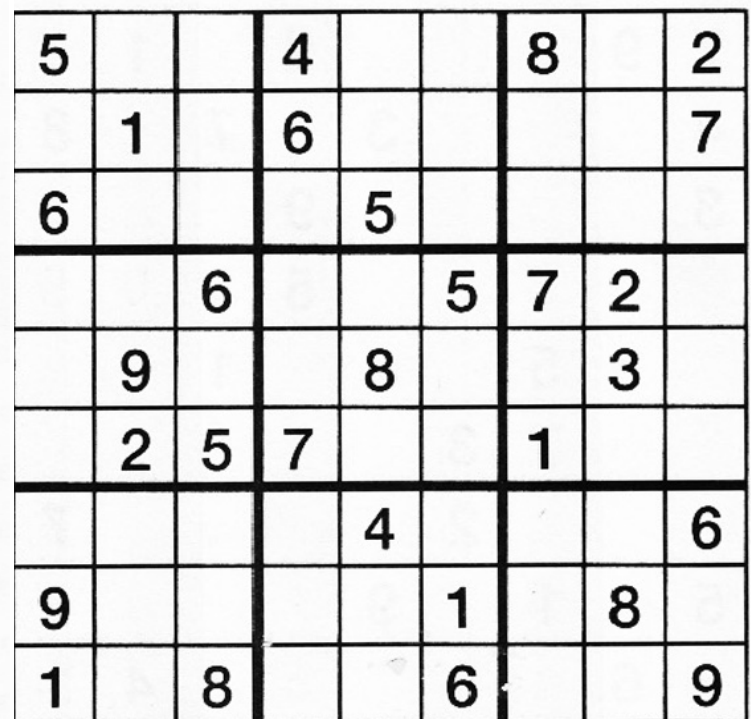
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UN says green energy investment at record level

Investment in renewable energy last year amounted to a record 211 billion dollars, a rise of 32 percent over 2009 and 540 percent over 2004, a UN-backed report said on Thursday.

China, investing 48.9 billion dollars, up 28 percent, accounted for more than a fifth of the total, marking a year in which developing countries for the first time outstripped rich economies in renewables investment, it said.

A combination of factors were behind the global surge, said the report.

They included stimulus money earmarked after the 2008 financial crash that was now finding its way into the market, sustained prices for fossil fuels, and government perks such as feed-in tariffs for cleaner power.

The report, Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment 2011, is a collaboration of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the Frankfurt School of Finance and Management in Germany and Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

If large hydro dams are excluded, renewable power comprised 8.1 percent of total world power generation capacity

in 2010, compared with 7.1 percent in 2009, said the report.

Despite this small share of the mix, renewables accounted for 34 percent of additional capacity brought online last year. The report made these points:

-- The most mature technology, wind, continued to dominate the renewables sector, accounting for 94.7 billion dollars of investment projects in 2010. Solar investment was 26.1 billion and biomass and waste-to-energy projects

amounted to 11 billion.

-- But solar very nearly catches up with wind if small-scale installations, such as rooftop photovoltaic (PV) panels, are included.

Small-scale solar sector doubled in value last year, helped by feed-in subsidies especially in Germany, France, Italy and the Czech Republic.

These subsidies are now being pared back by governments, but even so the market "is likely to stay strong" in 2011, says the report.

Oil prices rally on upbeat US economic data



NEW YORK, (AFP) - World oil prices jumped Thursday on the back of positive economic data and signs of improving demand in the United States.

In New York, the main contract, West Texas Intermediate for delivery in August, closed up \$2.02 to \$98.67 a

barrel after getting within 58 cents of the \$100 mark.

Brent North Sea crude for August rocketed \$4.97 dollars to close at \$118.59 dollars.

The moves came on the back of tentatively positive data on hiring by the US private sector, as well as encouraging news on retail sales.

Payrolls firm ADP said that private businesses added 157,000 jobs in June, a solid jump after the weak 36,000 job increase in May.

The ADP figures encouraged sharply higher revisions of forecasts for Friday's much-awaited US non-farm payrolls (NFP) data for June.

The US Department of Energy announced that gasoline (petrol) reserves fell 600,000 barrels in the week ending July 1.

That confounded expectations for a gain of 200,000 barrels, according to analysts polled by Dow Jones Newswires, and indicated stronger demand as prices fell and summer vacations began.

Crude inventories, however, were down 900,000 barrels last week, well short of forecasts for a 2.4-million-barrel drop.

"It looks like WTI will test \$100 again," said Smith. "There is real momentum behind prices."

World food prices rise 1% in June as sugar soars

World food prices rose by one percent in June, the UN's food agency said on Thursday.

"A strong rise in international sugar prices" was behind much of the increase, the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation said in a statement.

The agency said that its index of food prices rose to 234 points in June, 39 percent higher than in June 2010 but below the all-time high level of 238 points in February this year.

The FAO Sugar Price Index rose 14 percent from May to June and "production in Brazil, the world's biggest sugar producer, is forecast to fall below

last year's level," it said.

The FAO Cereal Price index averaged 259 points in June, down one percent from May in part due to "improved weather conditions in Europe and the announced lifting of the Russian Federation's export ban," it added.

The FAO Dairy price Index averaged 232 points in June, virtually unchanged from 231 points in May.

The FAO Meat Price Index averaged 180, marginally up from May. Poultry meat prices rose three percent and climbed to a new record, while pig meat prices dropped somewhat, the agency said.

US private sector hiring recovered in June: ADP

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - The US private sector served up a burst of hiring in June but new claims for unemployment insurance remained high at the end of the month, according to new data released Thursday.

Payrolls firm ADP said Thursday that private businesses, excluding the farm sector, added 157,000 jobs in June, a solid jump after the tepid 36,000 increase in May over April.

Meanwhile the Labor Department said unemployment claims fell to 418,000 in the week to July 2, down from 432,000 a week earlier.

Both figures were better than economists had expected, but neither was stellar: the ADP figures were still off the 200,000 monthly pace of job creation in the first quarter.

And the jobless claims were still well above the 400,000 mark, after several weeks in February and March when the weekly figures held below that threshold, giving hopes at the time of a strong economic recovery.

The new ADP figures showed solid hiring both in the services sector -- the largest segment of the US economy -- and manufacturing, with small companies leading the hiring.

But with the jobless rate at 9.1 percent, some 3.7 million

Americans continued to collect unemployment insurance during last month, according to the Labor Department.

The pace of new claims was in the same range as the past two months and a year earlier, underpinning what economists have characterized as a weak spell in the economy during the second quarter.

Today the government will release its national payrolls data for June, which shows the pace of job creation.

The figure for May was a deeply disappointing 54,000 net new jobs in May -- representing an increase of 83,000 in the private sector offset by 29,000 positions lost in government, as authorities slash public spending at the federal, state and local level.

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Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make



fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy fried onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off; they even boast a shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

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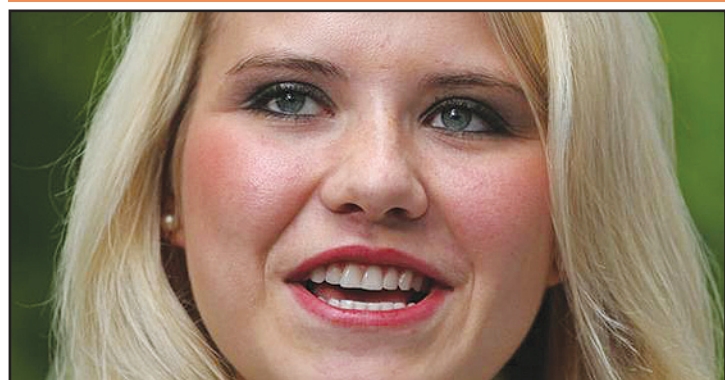
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Elizabeth Smart is joining the ABC News-crew



ABC network has confirmed the hiring of Elizabeth Smart as a commentator on missing persons cases. Smart is expected to make her debut on ABC News in the next couple of weeks. ABC News spokesperson Julie Townsend stressed that Smart, who has become an advocate for tougher missing persons legislation, will be focused on "looking ahead, not looking back at her own story." Townsend said that the news division has been in discussions with Smart for some time. She would not say whether Smart, 23, would relocate to New York from Utah, where she attends Brigham Young University.

Potter fans spellbound by final film's world premiere

LONDON, England (AFP) - Thousands of Harry Potter fanatics screamed for the stars of the epic movie series as they hit the London red carpet Thursday for the final film's world premiere.

Actors from the saga that has enthralled children and adults across the globe gathered for the launch of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2", the action-packed finale to one of the most successful movie franchises of all time.

The film sees boy wizard Potter take on the evil Lord Voldemort in a climactic showdown, the second of two movies based on the seventh and final Potter book by British author J. K. Rowling.

Fans from around the world have slept out in London's Trafalgar Square, some for more than six days, desperate to catch a last glimpse of the film's stars all together. Organisers said 8,000 people had gathered at the event.

Some wore sorcerers' capes, while others waved magic wands or were dressed as their favourite characters.

Despite the excitement, some fans could not hide their sadness at bidding farewell to the Potter magic.

Lou Ravelli, 13, waving a fake wand and wearing a sorcerer's cloak, said: "It's the greatest day of my life. I'm a lifelong fan. I'll be so happy if I get to meet them!"

Rupert Grint, who plays Potter's sidekick Ron Weasley, said it was an emotional time for the actors too.

"These last few months I've been in a bit of denial, I think, accepting the fact that it really is over," he told BBC television.

Director David Yates told reporters: "With Harry Potter, they (the fans) like the characters, coming back to see them, it's a fantastic world that's really involving and you want to see how it all comes out."

Daniel Radcliffe, who plays Potter, is taking time off from appearing in a Broadway musical to attend the premiere alongside Hermione Granger actress Emma Watson and Grint.

The stars walked from Trafalgar Square to Leicester



British actors, Emma Watson (R) and Rupert Grint (L) pose for photographers during a photocall ahead of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows -- Part 2" movie premiere in central London.

Square -- the traditional home of movie premieres in Britain -- through streets transformed into Diagon Alley, the London hub of the fictional wizarding world, with shops selling cauldrons, pumpkins and wands.

The film will hit British and US cinemas on July 15 and is the first Potter movie in a 3D version as well as the regular 2D release.



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Brazil boss Lima pleased with defence



FRANKFURT (AFP) - Brazil finished the group stage of the 2011 Women's World Cup as the only team to not concede a goal, a fact that has head coach Kleiton Lima pleased and looking forward to the knock-out stages of the tournament.

"I was particularly happy with our defence. We had some particularly strong opponents. Our defence worked 100 percent," said Lima, whose team registered three clean sheets against Norway, Australia and Equatorial

Guinea while scoring a tournament-best seven goals - even with France and Germany.

"Some people said our style of play is antiquated and obsolete and that we have problems with our defence. But I think tonight it was obvious that our defence was well positioned. And we have some great strikers to counter attack," said Lima, who implements a three-person back line with a sweeper.

Despite a poor first half against Guinea, Lima be-

lieves his team is continuing to improve and still hopes to get back to the final and this time win it after losing to Germany at China 2007.

"I think we are on the right track. I know that our performance hasn't been the best. On the contrary, we have to make a lot of corrections, especially from a technical point of view. I know my team. We are still improving our style of play and I think gradually we'll get back on track and achieve our targets," said Lima.

Brazilian forward Erika meanwhile said expectations back home for entertaining football must be tempered.

"You certainly cannot expect us to put on a show. The point is to win the game. So you shouldn't expect a show. Marta, Rosana and the others cannot put on a fantastic match every time," said Erika, the Player of the Match against Guinea.

"We were able to do that in the past and in the decisive moments we just weren't good enough to win titles.

"And our people tend to criticize us for not putting on a show, for not delivering the performance and not winning 5-0. But you know now our goal is something else. We want to win it all."

Equatorial Guinea head coach Marcello Frigerio sees the African nation's first World Cup as a learning experience which can help the team return to the world stage in four years.

"The lesson we have learned is that this is a high level tournament. We have learned how you can organise your team. You learn quite a lot. And I'm sure that this World Cup will be very valuable for us moving forward," said Frigerio.

"If the team learns the lessons they have to learn, and if they prepare properly they stand a good chance of making it back to this tournament."

The coach said he believes the people back home are satisfied with the showing Guinea had in Germany.

"We just wanted to leave a good impression at this World Cup and finish the World Cup with dignity to represent our country," Frigerio said.

"This is what our people back home want, and I'm sure that they are very satisfied with the performance of the team."



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India 8-0 at close against West Indies



to usher an early tea in the rain-hit third Test on Thursday.

But Ishant Sharma, the most successful of all the bowlers in the series, upstaged Harbhajan, taking 5-77 from 21.3 overs on the rain-affected second day at Windsor Park.

Harbhajan, playing in his 96th Test, bowled Carlton Baugh for a top score of 60 about an hour and 20 minutes after lunch to achieve the milestone.

Only former captains Anil Kumble (619) and Kapil Dev (434) have taken more wickets for India than Harbhajan.

He is also the fourth spin bowler to take 400 wickets in Tests, following in the footsteps of fellow off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka, whose 800 scalps are the most in Tests, Australia's Shane Warne (708) and Kumble.

Sharma however, followed up his 6-55 in the first innings of the drawn second Test Oval in Bridgetown with another impressive spell of fast bowling, taking his tally to 21 wickets at 14.04 apiece in the three-Test series.

Sharma made the breakthrough for India, when he cut short a counter-attacking stand of 59 for the sixth wicket between Baugh and Darren Bravo, after West Indies continued from their lunch-time total of 128 for five.

India's bowler Ishant Sharma, right, follows through on a delivery

ROSEAU (AFP) - India were eight without loss, replying to West Indies' first innings total of 204, when a combination of rain and bad light stopped play early on the second day of the third Test on Thursday at Windsor Park.

Earlier, India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh became the 11th bowler in history to capture 400 Test wickets, as West Indies were dismissed for 204 in their first innings

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Players, owners talk again as pre-season camps loom

NEW YORK (AFP) - National Football League club owners and players met again on Thursday for talks aimed at ending a lockout that began on March 12, with the first pre-season game only one month away.

Billionaire owners and multi-millionaire players have been unable to decide how to divide \$9.3 billion in annual revenues, prompting the NFL's first shutdown since 1987 and threatening the season's scheduled September start.

St. Louis and Chicago are scheduled to play on August 7 in the first pre-season exhibition game at Canton, Ohio, and those teams are set to begin workouts on October 23, provided there is a new collective bargaining agreement in place.

The deadline pressure is the biggest push for either side since the lockout began because pushing back the start of training camps and delaying or wiping out pre-

season games will cost both sides income.

Talks have been conducted across the nation over the past several weeks with mid-July seen as a make-or-break point for teams to be able to conduct free agency signings, rookie contract deals and player trades.

Some teams have already changed pre-season plans, moving their pre-season workouts to team facilities rather than college campuses.

The New York Jets called off plans for pre-season workouts at Cortland, New York, in what state officials say will cost that small town \$4.5 million, a move that prompted the New York state attorney general to launch an anti-trust investigation on Thursday into the NFL lockout.

While New York ponders state anti-trust issues, a group of NFL players are also pursuing a federal anti-trust lawsuit against the NFL in Minnesota.

Jurors coming together in Clemens trial

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Embattled baseball star Roger Clemens on Thursday watched for a second day as jurors were chosen to decide his fate on charges of lying under oath when he denied taking performance-enhancing drugs.

Clemens faces six charges of perjury and another for obstruction of Congress for denying he took steroids or human growth hormone in a 2008 testimony before the House of Representatives government reform committee.

Fewer than half of the 36 jury spots, including two reserves for every member, that US District Judge Reggie Walton wants filled before

opening statements begin had been chosen by late afternoon.

Most of those who did make the cut in the jury selection process said they were not Major League Baseball fans, one even saying she would not recognize Clemens even if he were in the room, which he in fact was.

Walton hopes to complete the jury selection process by Tuesday.

Clemens, who turns 49 next month, was named in the Mitchell Report in December 2007 as one of 86 players who took performance-enhancing drugs but he steadfastly denied the allegations and pushed for a hearing before Congress.

Agassi set for Hall of Fame induction



NEWPORT (AFP) - Eight-time Grand Slam singles champion Andre Agassi will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Agassi, among only seven men to achieve a career singles Grand Slam, spent 101 weeks ranked No. 1 in the world during a 20-year career that also included a 1996 Atlanta Olympic singles title.

The 41-year-old American is the husband of another Hall of Famer, 2004 inductee Steffi Graf.

"I'm truly honored to be recognized alongside the greatest players of tennis," Agassi said.

"Tennis has given me everything in my life. It has given me my wife. My tennis career afforded me the opportunity to make a difference in other people's lives."

The induction will come in a ceremony during the semi-finals of the ATP Hall of Fame Championships grass-court event.

"We are looking forward to a great weekend at the International Tennis Hall of Fame as we celebrate the induction of one of the most exciting athletes of our sport," Hall of Fame chief executive Mark Stenning said.

Agassi won 60 career titles, including the 1995, 2000, 2002 and 2003 Australian Opens, the 1994 and 1999 US Opens, the 1992 Wimbledon and 1999 French Open crowns.

Agassi's 1999 French Open triumph made him the first man to have won a career Grand Slam on three different surfaces -- grass, clay and hardcourt.

Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer, Don Budge, Roy Emerson, Rod Laver and Fred Perry are the other men to complete the career Grand Slam.

Agassi, who played for Davis Cup-winning US teams in 1990 and 1992, turned professional at age 16 in 1986, won his first ATP crown the following year and retired in 2006 after a third-round loss at the US Open.

Boasson Hagen breaks Tour duck, Hushovd in yellow



Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen (C) celebrates on the finish line as he wins ahead of third-placed Yellow jersey of overall leader, Norway's Thor Hushovd (R). AFP PHOTO

LISIEUX (AFP) - Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen claimed his and Team Sky's maiden Tour de France victory in the race's sixth stage on Thursday.

Compatriot Thor Hushovd, of Garmin-Cervelo,

finished third to retain the race leader's yellow jersey after 226.5km of racing from Dinan on the north coast to Lisieux in Normandy.

After the longest stage of the race, held in rainy conditions, Boasson Hagen proved the strongest from a bunch

sprint that saw Australian Matt Goss finish second.

Hushovd, who took the yellow jersey when Garmin won the team time-trial last Sunday, retained his overall lead of 01sec on Australia's two-time runner-up Cadel Evans of BMC.

Spain's defending champion Alberto Contador, who rides for Saxo Bank, remains 1:42 off the pace.

Friday's stage is a 218km ride over mainly flat terrain from Le Mans to Chateauroux.

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Argentina fail to spark again in Colombia draw



SANTA FE (AFP) - Argentina on Wednesday failed to make up for their disappointing opening draw against Bolivia when they could only manage another stalemate against Colombia, compromising their bid to reach the Copa America quarter-finals.

Once again, despite on paper having an embarrassment of riches in an attack spearheaded by Lionel Messi and Carlos Tevez the albiceleste managed to flunk what was their first ever competitive international in the north-eastern city of Santa Fe.

"They were tough oppo-

nents, they knew how to mark us," said Tevez afterwards.

"Things are not going for us right now the way we want them to," said Argentina coach Sergio Batista, who replaced Diego Maradona after last summer's World Cup. But he said he would still not make "major changes" for the final group game against Costa Rica as he maintained he was confident in his side.

Colombian counterpart Hernan Dario Gomez said he believed that his side "turned in a decent showing and I think we are laying the building blocks for the 2014 World Cup qualifiers," said Gomez, who added he still thought Argentina were a very capable side who would challenge for the Copa title.

Colombia remain top of the group with four points having seen off the Costa Ricans, who met Bolivia on Thursday, in their opening match.

Argentinian media yesterday were unforgiving.

"Another flop by the national team," wrote Diario Uno.

La Nacion added its voice to the avalanche of criticism.

"No rhythm. The team transformed hopes into disappointment in 90 minutes."

And the paper also echoed Clarin's warning that the team are losing public support ahead of a match with the Costa Ricans.

That game "will be decisive for the hopes of the national team which, playing as it is, is destroying all the fondness and respect people have for it around the country."

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COLOMBIA	2	4
ARGENTINA	2	2
BOLIVIA	1	1
COSTA RICA	1	0
GROUP B		
PARAGUAY	1	1
BRAZIL	1	1
VENEZUELA	1	1
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Galea pleads guilty to bringing drugs to US

BUFFALO (AFP) - Canadian sports doctor Anthony Galea pled guilty Wednesday to bringing unapproved drugs into the United States to treat American professional athletes.

Galea, whose clients have included Alex Rodriguez and Tiger Woods, admitted in a Buffalo federal courtroom that he

unlawfully treated US athletes.

Most of the charges were dismissed with Galea's plea. Prosecutors said his clients included golfers, professional baseball and football players and others.

The 51-year-old Galea pleaded guilty in front of judge Richard Arcara, eliminating

the need for a trial. It also ended the likelihood that evidence could publicly identify who was on his patient list.

The indictment didn't identify which clients he treated and both Woods and Rodriguez deny receiving any performance-enhancing drugs from Galea.

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